

Memorandum

TO: RULES COMMITTEE

FROM: Betsy Shotwell

**SUBJECT: AB 2435 (COTO) SANTA CLARA
VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

DATE: April 27, 2006

Approved



Date

4/27/06

RECOMMENDATION

Support for AB 2435 (Coto) which if passed would amend the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act, the State legislation governing operation of the District.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors is currently required by statute to approve the budget of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) and appoint two members of the District's seven-person board.

ANALYSIS

The SCVWD and the County of Santa Clara together propose to amend the District Act to give the SCVWD board sole responsibility for approving the SCVWD budget and to allow the SCVWD to set its own water rates, which are currently approved by the County. The bill also proposes to modify how board members are appointed in cases of vacancies. AB 2435 if passed, would also mandate that in 2009 the County Board of Supervisors would no longer appoint two of the seven board members and that the SCVWD board would decrease from seven members to five members.

AB 2435 would also clarify that the District is authorized to take action to preserve open space in Santa Clara County and to support the county park system in a manner that is consistent with carrying out the powers granted to the District.

Status: AB 2435 passed the Assembly Local Government Committee April 26, and will be heard next in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Staff Recommendation: Support for AB 2435.

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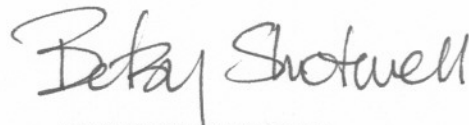
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COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the Environmental Services Department, the City Attorney's Office and the City's Legislative Representative in Sacramento.

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